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Mr. Henry Nau  
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Dear Mr. Nau:

The Intelligence Community recently completed an assessment of foreign reactions to specific aspects of US nuclear nonproliferation policies and strategies (enclosed). It outlines the more controversial elements of these policies and examines the reactions of both developed and developing countries to them. It concludes by noting that although future reactions will involve a complex interplay among political, military, and economic developments in the countries themselves, the most important factor will be the course of action that Washington decides to follow in accommodating its nonproliferation strategy to the peaceful nuclear aspirations of these countries.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Special Assistant for  
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